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## What is claimed is:

- 1. A peptide selected from the group consisting of PO70 (SEQ ID NO: 1), PO71 (SEQ ID NO: 2), PO72 (SEQ ID NO: 3) and PAMP-20 (SEQ ID NO: 7).
- An antibody reactive with at least one peptide of claim 1.
- 3. A method of preventing or treating cancer by contacting the cancerous cells with an effective amount of the adrenomedullin peptides of claim 1 or the adrenomedullin antibodies of claim 2.
- 4. The method of claim 3 wherein the cancerous cells are selected from the group consisting of adrenal, nervous system, lung, colon, ovarian, or breast cancerous cells.
- 5. A method of diagnosing or monitoring diseases by measuring the levels of adrenomedullin in a sample, wherein the presence or absence of adrenomedullin indicates the existence of, or predisposition to a disease.
- The method of claim 5 wherein the disease is diabetes, renal disease, bone disease, skin disease, and blood related diseases.
- 7. A method of preventing or treating type II diabetes wherein the adrenomedullin peptides of claim 1 or the adrenomedullin antibodies of claim 2 are used to

- regulate insulin secretion and blood glucose metabolism.
- 8. A method of diagnosing or treating conditions related to pregnancy using the adrenomedullin peptides of claim 1 or the adrenomedullin antibodies of claim 2.
  - 9. The method of claim 8 wherein the condition is preeclampsia or fetal growth.
- 10. A method of regulating activity in areas of the central nervous system by administering to a subject an effective amount of the adrenomedullin peptides of claim 1 or the adrenomedullin antibodies of claim 2 for the regulation of neurotransmission or neuron growth.
  - 11. A method of regulating lessening or inhibiting the allergic response due to the degranulation of mast cells by administering the adrenomedullin antibodies of claim 2 in an amount effective to lessen or inhibit the degranulation of mast cells.
- 12. A method of treating bacterial or fungal infections by administering to a subject an amount of the adrenomedullin peptides of claim 1 or the adrenomedullin antibodies of claim 2 effective to inhibit or prevent the bacterial or fungal growth.
- 13. A method of facilitating the healing of chaffed skin,
  30 skin lesions, wound repair, and surgical incisions by
  applying to the surface of the skin of a subject an
  effective amount of the adrenomedullin peptides of
  claim 1 effective to facilitate the healing.

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14. A method of promoting organ and bone development using the adrenomedullin peptides of claim 1 or the adrenomedullin antibodies of claim 2.

- 15. A pharmaceutical composition comprising the adrenomedullin peptides of claim 1.
  - 16. A pharmaceutical composition comprising the adrenomedullin antibodies of claim 2.

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